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TO: OSMOSE WOOD PRESERVING CO. OF AMERICA INC.
980 ELLICOTT STREET
BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14209

THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE HAS ASKED US TO PROVIDE YOU THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO HELP YOU IN PREPARING YOUR PRESENTATION FOR THE ELECTRIC ENERGY SYSTEMS TECHNICAL SEMINAR MISSION IN MANILA.

A. NUMBER OF ELECTRIC, TELEPHONE, TELEGRAPH POLES BY MATERIAL OF POLES AND CROSS ARMS.

1. ELECTRIC-WOODEN POLES AND CROSS ARMS - 425,615
ELECTRIC-CONCRETE POLES - 20,000

2. TELEPHONE-WOODEN POLES AND CROSS ARMS - 15,983
TELEPHONE-CONCRE POLES - 694

3. TELEGRAPH-WOODEN POLES AND CROSS ARMS - 200,000

FOR ELECTRIC POLES, FIGURES ARE ESTIMATES BY MANILA
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ELECTRIC CO. (MERALCO) AND THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION (NEA).

TELEPHONE POLES ESTIMATES WERE OBTAINED FROM PHILIPPINE LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CO. (PLDT) AND REPUBLIC TELEPHONE CO. (RETELCO).
IN MOST INSTANCES, THESE UTILITY COMPANIES ARE CO-USERS

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OF POLES IN FRANCHISE AREAS SERVED BY THEM.

B. INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF UTILITY POLES. THE UTILITIES CONTACTED DO NOT HAVE INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS AFTER POLES ARE INSTALLED. INSPECTIONS ARE CARRIED OUT WHEN POLES ARE PURCHASED PRIOR TO ACCEPTANCE TO DETERMINE COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS WITH THE POLE TREATMENT STANDARDS AND QUALITY OF POLES. (SET OF SPECIFICATIONS WAS AIRMAILED TO OSMOSE JANUARY 20.)

C. WHAT IS USED TO PRESERVE POLES OR ANY WOOD FOR EXTERIOR USE?
WIDELY USED PRESERVATIVES ARE CREOSOTE (70 PERCENT CREOSOTE AND 30 PERCENT BUNKER OIL) AND COPPER-CHROME-ARSENATE (65.5 PERCENT HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM, 18.1 PERCENT COPPER AND 16.4 PERCENT ARSENIC). UTILITIES PREFER CREOSOTED POLES.

D. DOES ANYONE PRODUCE CHROMIC ACID? THERE IS NO KNOWN LOCAL PRODUCTION OF CHROMIC ACID.

E. APPOINTMENTS FOR MR. HANSEN ARE BEING MADE WITH WOOD PRESERVING COMPANIES AND UTILITY FIRMS FOR FEBRUARY 14 & 15.

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